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Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush takes the stage as he formally joins the race for president with a speech at Miami Dade College, Monday, June 15, 2015, in Miami. (AP Photo/David Goldman)

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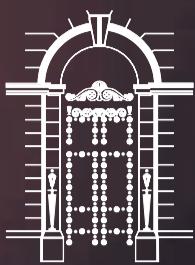
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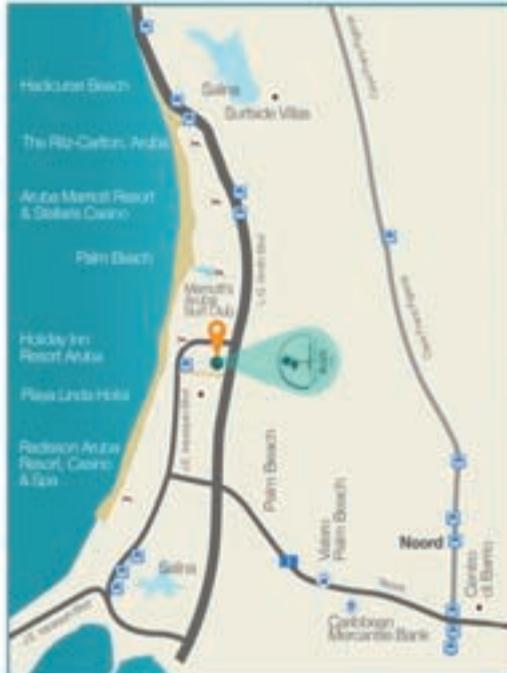
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White House tries to revive trade agenda, future uncertain



House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of Calif. during news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. McCarthy says Congress must find a way to pass President Barack Obama's trade agenda. But he acknowledged there's no obvious pathway for now.

C. BABBINGTON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. President Barack Obama and his legislative allies scrambled Monday to try to revive his severely wounded trade agenda, although Democrats and Republicans alike said all options have serious hur-

dles.

Obama's chief of staff, Denis McDonough, spoke with the House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi whose rejection of Obama's pleas on Friday capped the stunning setback delivered mainly by the president's own party. Details of the conversation weren't im-

(AP Photo/Lauren Victoria Burke)

mediately available. The White House said Obama himself was likely to speak with House Speaker John Boehner.

The Republican majority leader of the House of Representatives said Congress must find a way to pass Obama's trade agenda, but he acknowledged

there's no obvious pathway.

Kevin McCarthy told reporters "there are many different options" to revive the trade package the House derailed last week. He said a new vote could come as early as this week, but Republican leaders, who generally support the initiative, first must survey the political and legislative landscapes. Obama seeks "fast track" negotiating authority, which previous presidents have had. It allows the president to send Congress proposed trade agreements that lawmakers can ratify or reject,

but not change. Obama says U.S. products must reach wider markets and is pushing for a landmark deal that is meant to facilitate trade with a host of Pacific Rim nations.

But labor unions and many liberals adamantly oppose free-trade deals. They say the pacts ship U.S. jobs overseas and reward nations with weak environmental and workplace standards.

To derail fast track, scores of Democrats voted Friday to kill a program they've embraced for years, which gives federal aid to workers displaced by international trade.

The Senate had combined fast track and the aid program into one bill, enabling House Democrats to bring down the entire package by killing the aid program, which most Republicans oppose to begin with.

McCarthy and others have proposed several possible ways to revive the package, although all carry serious challenges.

McCarthy said the best solution is for House Democrats to reverse course and approve the entire legislative package -- including fast track and the displaced worker aid -- and let Obama sign it into law. Many Democrats say that's unlikely.

Another possibility is to try to pass fast track alone, perhaps with some Democratic votes and enough Republicans to supply the rest. □



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S. PEOPLES**B. FARRINGTON****Associated Press**

MIAMI (AP) — Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush launched a White House bid months in the making

family narrative. It's nobody's turn," Bush said, confronting critics who suggest he simply seeks to inherit the office already held by his father and brother. "It's everybody's test, and

lashing out at competitors in both parties as being part of the problem. He opened his campaign at a rally near his south Florida home at Miami Dade College.

another Bush-Clinton race following her husband Bill Clinton's victory over President George H.W. Bush in 1992.

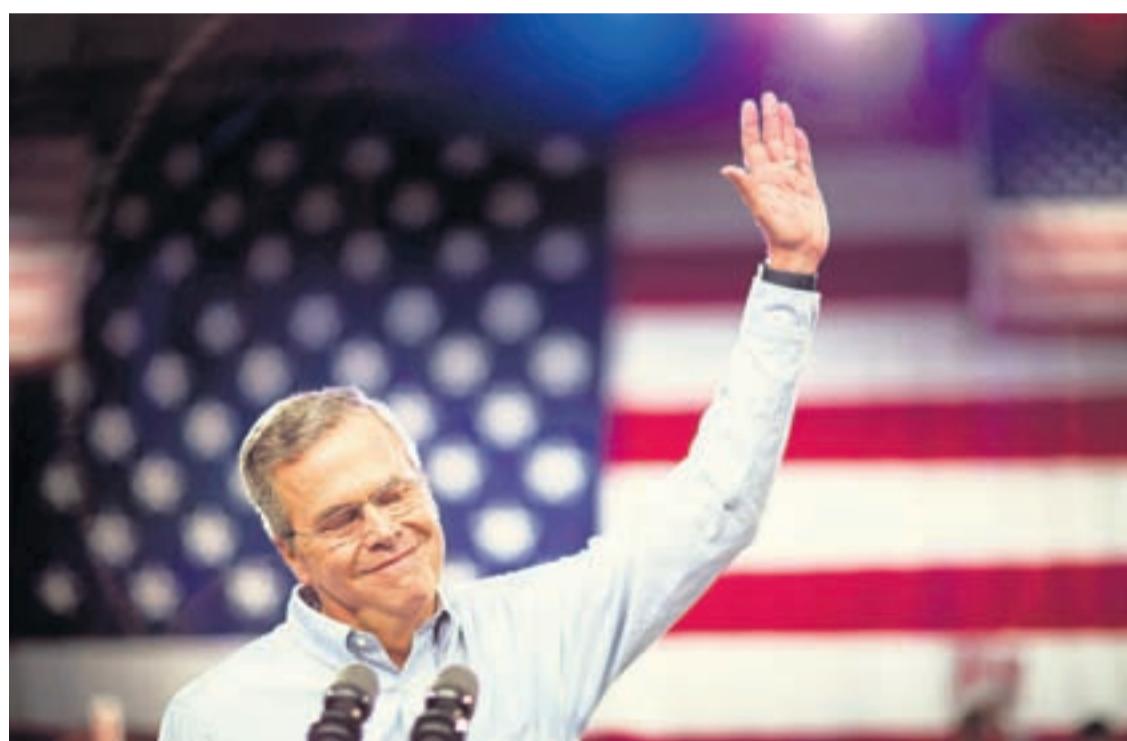
Bush joins the race in progress in some ways in a commanding position, in part because of his family connections and support from the party establishment that has enabled him to raise what may be a record amount of money at this stage to support his candidacy. But on other measures, early public opinion polls among them, he has yet to break out, particularly in the early voting states of Iowa and New Hampshire.

In the past six months, Bush has made clear he will remain committed to his core beliefs in the campaign to come — even if his positions on immigration and education standards are deeply unpopular among the conservative base of the party that plays an outsized role in Republican primaries.

Mark Meckler, a leader of the ultraconservative tea party movement, said Bush's positions on education and immigration are "a nonstarter with many conservatives."

Yet a defiant Bush has showed little willingness to placate his party's right wing. Bush, whose wife is Mexican-born, addressed the packed college arena in English and Spanish, an unusual twist for a political speech aimed at a national audience.

He aimed his message on Monday at the broader swath of the electorate that will ultimately decide the November 2016 general election. Minority voters, in particular, have fueled Democratic victories in the last two presidential elections. □



Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush waves as he takes the stage to formally join the race for president, Monday, June 15, 2015, at Miami Dade College in Miami.

Monday with a vow to win the Republican presidential nomination on his own merits and stay true to his beliefs — easier said than done in a crowded primary contest where his conservative credentials will be sharply challenged.

Bush is unquestionably one of the top-tier candidates in a large Republican field of 11 major candidates that lacks a true front-runner. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Ohio Gov. John Kasich are among those still deciding whether to join a field that could end up just shy of 20.

For Bush, the 2016 Republican contest will test both his vision of conservatism and his ability to distance himself from family.

"Not a one of us deserves the job by right of resume, party, seniority, family, or

it's wide open — exactly as a contest for president should be."

Neither his father, former President George H.W. Bush, nor his brother, former President George W. Bush, attended Monday's announcement. The family was represented instead by Jeb Bush's mother and former first lady, Barbara Bush, who once said that the country didn't need yet another Bush as president, and by his son George P. Bush, recently elected Texas land commissioner.

Before the event, the Bush campaign came out with a new logo — Jeb! — that conspicuously leaves out the Bush surname.

Bush sought to turn the prime argument against his candidacy on its head, casting himself as the true Washington outsider while

Bush said: "We are not going to clean up the mess in Washington by electing the people who either helped create it or have proven incapable of fixing it."

That was an indirect but unmistakable swipe at Republican presidential rivals in the Senate. Among them are his political protege, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, as well as Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas and Rand Paul of Kentucky.

Paul said Monday there's "Bush-Clinton fatigue" in America. "I think some people have had enough Bushes and enough Clintons," Paul said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is the clear favorite in the Democratic contest, setting up the possibility of

US judge gives partial victory to ex-AIG CEO in bailout case

MARCY GORDON**AP Business Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge handed a partial victory to the former CEO of American International Group, who claimed the government's bailout of the insurance giant in the heat of the financial crisis was unfairly punitive. Judge Thomas Wheeler ruled Monday to validate the allegation made in the lawsuit by former AIG Chairman and CEO Maurice Greenberg. But the judge rejected Greenberg's demand for some \$40 billion in damages for himself and other AIG shareholders from the government.

The suit alleged that the \$85 billion bailout of the teetering insurance giant in September 2008 violated the Constitution's Fifth Amendment by taking control of AIG without "just compensation."

The unusual case raised the issue of limits on the government's power in responding to financial catastrophe. It brought the rare spectacle of back-to-back courtroom testimony in a trial last fall by three former leaders of the government's bailout — then-Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and New York Fed President Timothy Geithner.

The eight-week trial took place in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

Wheeler called the government's conduct in its taking control of 80 percent of AIG's stock an "illegal exaction" and criticized its "unduly harsh treatment of AIG in comparison to other institutions." □

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African-American activist quits amid furor over race



In this March 2015 photo, Rachel Dolezal, then-president of the Spokane chapter of the NAACP, poses for a photo in her Spokane, Wash., home. Dolezal resigned Monday, June 15, 2015, amid a furor over racial identity that erupted when her parents came forward to say she has been posing as black for years when she is actually white.

(Colin Mulvany/The Spokesman-Review via AP)

N. K. GERANIOS
Associated Press
SPOKANE, Washington (AP)

— The president of a chapter of a major U.S. group advocating for the rights of African Americans resigned Monday, just days after her parents said she is a white woman posing as black — a dizzyingly swift fall for an activist credited with injecting remarkable new energy into the civil rights organization. The furor touched off fierce debate around the country over racial identity and divided the NAACP itself.

"In the eye of this current storm, I can see that a separation of family and organizational outcomes is in the best interest of the NAACP," Rachel Dolezal, who was elected the Spokane chapter's president last fall, wrote on the group's Facebook page. "Please know I will never stop fighting for human rights."

City officials, meanwhile, are investigating whether she lied about her ethnicity when she landed an appointment to Spokane's police oversight board. On her application, she said

her ethnic origins included white, black and American Indian.

Dolezal, a 37-year-old woman with a light brown complexion and dark curly hair, graduated from historically black Howard University, teaches African studies at a local university and was married to a black man. For years, she publicly described herself as black and complained repeatedly of being the victim of racial hatred in the heavily white region.

The uproar began last week after Dolezal's parents told the news media that their daughter is white with a trace of Native American heritage. They produced photos of her as a girl with fair skin and straight blond hair.

Her mother, Ruthanne Dolezal of Troy, Montana, told reporters she has had no contact with her daughter in several years. She said Rachel began to "disguise herself" as black after her parents adopted four black children more than a decade ago.

Rachel Dolezal initially dis-

missed the controversy, saying it arose from a legal dispute that has divided the family, and repeatedly sidestepped questions about her race. "That question is not as easy as it seems," she said. "There's a lot of complexities." Late last week, the national NAACP stood by her, saying "one's racial identity is not a qualifying criteria or disqualifying standard for NAACP leadership."

But Dolezal came under increasing pressure from local chapter members to resign. Kitara Johnson, an NAACP member in Spokane who has been calling on Dolezal

to step down, welcomed the resignation as "the best thing that can happen right now." Johnson said that the most important thing is to focus on the work of the NAACP, and that she hopes Dolezal remains a member of the organization.

"She knows her stuff," Johnson said.

Dolezal has been widely credited with reinvigorating Spokane's moribund NAACP chapter. In resigning, she boasted that under her leadership, the chapter acquired an office, increased membership, improved finances and made other improvements.

Cornell William Brooks, national president of the NAACP, declined to comment on the resignation.

The controversy drew conflicting views from other NAACP leaders.

"I care that she was trying to make the world a better place every day," said Frank Hawkins Jr., the NAACP president in Las Vegas. "The color of a person's skin does not matter."

Don Harris, a white man who heads the NAACP in the Phoenix area, criticized her, saying: "What do you gain in saying, 'I'm an African-American' when you're not?" □

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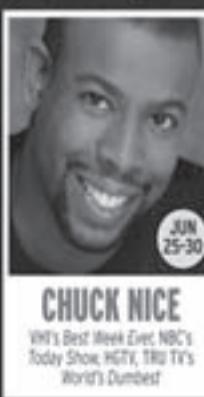
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Prosecutor: 'Big Tony' ordered hit on Florida businessman

CURT ANDERSON

AP Legal Affairs Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida

(AP) — Reputed mobster Anthony "Big Tony" Moscatiello ordered a prominent Florida businessman killed by a hit man in 2001 during a bitter power struggle over a fleet of lucrative gambling ships, a prosecutor told jurors Monday in Moscatiello's murder retrial. Moscatiello, who authorities say is a member of New York's Gambino crime family once headed by John Gotti, wanted to ensure that Konstantinos "Gus" Boulis didn't regain control of SunCruz Casinos and po-

tentially oust him from the flow of money, Assistant State Attorney Brian Cavanagh said in an opening statement.

Moscatiello and a Miami Beach-based cohort, Anthony "Little Tony" Ferrari, were being paid by the new SunCruz owners for security and consulting after Boulis had sold all but a small share of the business. Just before the Feb. 6, 2001, shooting, Boulis was suing in court to regain complete control, Cavanagh said.

"Greed, greed, greed is why they killed a human being. Out of greed," Cavanagh said, his voice ris-

ing. "They weren't going to let Gus Boulis take back the company. They didn't want to lose the money."

Ferrari was convicted after a 2013 trial and sentenced to life in prison. Moscatiello, 77, was granted a mistrial when his attorney became ill and is now on trial for a second time. He has pleaded not guilty, denies mob connections and could face the death penalty if convicted of first-degree murder. He is also charged with murder conspiracy.

Moscatiello attorney Kenneth Malnik sought in his opening statement to shift the blame toward Fer-



Defendant Anthony "Big Tony" Moscatiello waits for opening statements in his murder retrial Monday, June 15, 2015 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

(Rafael Olmeda/AP)

rari, who he described as a gangster wanna-be well known for falsely telling people he was John Gotti's nephew. "I'm confident that when you hear all the evidence in this case, you're not going to allow Mr. Moscatiello to be a fall guy for a murder he did not commit and a murder he had nothing to do with," Malnik said. The trial is expected to last about two weeks. Boulis, 51, was shot

by a mob hit man as he sat in his car on a downtown Fort Lauderdale street. In addition to SunCruz, Boulis had founded and then sold the Miami Subs restaurant chain. The BMW Boulis was driving was blocked in front and in back at a stop sign, and the killer pulled up next to the car in a black Mustang and started firing. Boulis was able to drive away but crashed and died at a hospital. □



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U.S. court: Workers can be fired for using pot off-duty

KRISTEN WYATT

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Pot may be legal in Colorado, but you can still be fired for using it. The Colorado Supreme Court ruled Monday that a medical marijuana patient who was fired after failing a drug test cannot get his job back. The case has big implications for employers and pot smokers across the United States in places where medical or recreational marijuana have been legalized. Twenty-three states and the capital Washington allow medical marijuana.

Colorado became the

first state to legalize recreational pot in 2012. Though the case involves medical marijuana, the court's decision could also affect how companies treat employees who use the drug recreationally.

Brandon Coats is a quadriplegic who was fired by Dish Network, a satellite television and Internet provider, in 2010. The company agreed that Coats wasn't high on the job but said it has a zero-tolerance drug policy.

Courts in three other states have also ruled against medical marijuana patients fired for pot use. □



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US Financial Front:

American homebuilders' sales confidence surges in June



A roofer works on a home under construction in the Briar Chapel community in Chapel Hill, N.C. The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index was released Monday, June 15, 2015.

(AP Photo/Gerry Broome)

ALEX VEIGA

AP Real Estate Writer

U.S. homebuilders are feeling more confident about their sales prospects than they have since last fall, while their outlook for sales over the next six months is at the highest level in 10 years.

The National Association of

Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index released Monday climbed to 59 this month, up five points from 54 the May reading. Readings above 50 indicate more builders view sales conditions as good rather than poor. The latest reading is up 10 points from a year ago and is at

the highest level since September.

Measures of current sales conditions and traffic by prospective buyers also surged. Builders' outlook for sales of single-family homes over the next six months also rose sharply.

The robust jump in confidence among builders reflects improved demand for new homes so far this year despite a sluggish start to the spring home-selling season. A brutal winter shut down construction sites and slowed buyer traffic at open houses earlier this year.

Job gains over the past year have put homebuyers in a stronger financial

position, which has helped drive sales higher. Employers have added more than 3 million jobs as the unemployment rate has steadily dropped to 5.4 percent.

In April, new home sales recovered from a 10 percent dip in March, climbing 6.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 517,000. That's still below the 700,000 pace that economist say indicates a healthy market.

Even so, sales of new U.S. homes are running 23.7 percent higher through the first four months of the year than the same period in 2014.

Homebuilders also have benefited from a tight supply of available homes for

sale, which has helped lift home prices. Over the past 12 months, the median sales price for new homes has risen 8.3 percent to \$297,300. Rising mortgage interest rates may be creating some urgency among would-be homebuyers.

Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates jumped last week to their highest levels this year, with the key 30-year rate topping 4 percent for the first time since late 2014. The latest NAHB index was based on responses from 246 builders. Its measure of current sales conditions for single-family homes jumped seven points to 65, the highest reading since November 2005. □



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Kurdish fighters seize large parts of IS border stronghold



Turkish soldiers run to their new positions at the Syria border in Akcakale, southeastern Turkey, Monday, June 15, 2015. Kurdish fighters with the Kurdish People's Protection Units, or YPG, captured large parts of the strategic border town of Tal Abyad from the Islamic State group Monday, dealing a huge blow to the group which lost a key supply line for its nearby de facto capital of Raqqa, a spokesman for the main Kurdish fighting force said.

(AP Photo/Levente Pitarakis)

ZEINA KARAM

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters captured large sections of a strategic town on the Syria-Turkish

border on Monday, dealing the biggest setback yet to the Islamic State group, which lost a key supply line for their nearby self-proclaimed capital.

The seizure of Tal Abyad threatened to flare tensions between Kurds and ethnic Arabs, who accused the Kurdish militia of deliberately displacing thousands

of people from the town, which has a mixed population.

Redur Khalil, a spokesman for the main Kurdish fighting force, known as the YPG, said Kurdish fighters entered from the east and were advancing west toward the town's center amid fierce clashes with pockets of IS resistance.

"We expect to have full control over Tal Abyad within a few hours," he told The Associated Press by telephone.

A few hours later, the YPG announced on its Facebook page that it had liberated the town.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights confirmed the Kurdish fighters had "almost full control" of Tal Abyad by Monday evening, and had taken command of the border crossing with Turkey. It said some 40 Islamic State militants were targeted by U.S.-led airstrikes as they tried to flee south.

An AP photographer in Ak-

cakale, on the Turkish side of the border, saw several dozen YPG fighters waving their yellow triangular flag and flashing victory signs. Earlier, several dozen Kurdish gunmen were seen running up a hill, moving west. A few people on the Syrian side of the border were seen raising the green, white and red flag of the Free Syrian Army before being apprehended by Turkish security after they broke a hole in the border fence. A contingent of Free Syrian Army fighters is battling alongside the Kurds in an effective alliance against the Islamic State group called "Burkan al-Furat," or Volcano of the Euphrates. The loss of Tal Abyad, some 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Raqqa, the capital of the Islamic State group's self-declared caliphate, is the extremists' biggest setback since Kurdish fighters took control of the Kurdish border town of Kobani near Turkey, after fighting IS for months. □

Uncertainty over US strike against al-Qaida leader in Libya

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Pentagon officials say they believe they hit their target — the one-eyed, al-Qaida-linked commander who led a deadly attack on an Algerian gas facility in 2013. But uncertainty still surrounds the U.S. airstrike in eastern Libya, and whether Mokhtar Belmokhtar was actually among the militants said to have been killed in the bombing.

Libyan officials say Sun-

day's airstrike hit a gathering of militants on a farm outside Ajdabiya, a coastal city about 850 kilometers (530 miles) east of the capital, Tripoli, but there were conflicting reports on how many died.

An initial assessment shows the bombing that targeted Belmokhtar was successful, and "post-strike assessments" were still underway Monday to determine whether the Algerian militant was killed, said Col. Steve Warren, a Pentagon spokesman.

"But we're not prepared to confirm that because we haven't finalized our assessment," he said, adding that the strike had hit a "hard structure."

Maj. Mohammed Hegazi, a military spokesman from Libya's internationally recognized government based in the east, also said tests were needed to identify the dead, which numbered at least 17, with their bodies badly burned. Among those killed were three foreigners — a Tunisian and two unidentified

militants, he said. Hegazi criticized his own government for rushing to confirm late Sunday that Belmokhtar was among the dead.

"I don't confirm or deny. We are waiting confirmation," he told The Associated Press by telephone. "It is not easy."

He said the raid was based on solid intelligence that indicated militants forced out of the eastern city of Benghazi by fighting there had taken refuge in Ajdabiya.

No civilians were killed, Hegazi said, adding that the militants took the fatally wounded Tunisian to a hospital in Ajdabiya, clashes erupted with local troops that left three soldiers dead. In the airstrikes, two F-15 fighter jets had launched multiple 500-pound bombs, a U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss details of the attack. Authorities say no U.S. personnel were on the ground for the assault. □

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As markets hit, Greece says it's ready to resume talks

D. GATOPoulos
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece insisted Monday it is ready to return to bailout talks "at any moment" after a breakdown in negotiations with creditors pushed the country closer toward bankruptcy and jolted international markets.

As concern over Greece's financial future swelled across financial markets and the two sides quarreled over who's to blame for the current standoff, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras called an emergency meeting with his team of bailout negotiators.

Without the release of the remaining money left in Greece's bailout fund, the country faces the prospect of a debt default on June 30, putting up limits on money transfers and eventually dropping out of the euro. Those fears dominated trading in financial markets on Monday. The Stoxx 50 index of leading European shares closed down 1.6 percent while the main index in Athens ended 4.7 percent lower. Greek borrowing costs rose, in a clear sign that investors are more worried about default, with the yield on two-year bonds up 2.7 percentage points at 28.5 percent.

While remaining low, bond yields also rose in Italy, Spain and Portugal as investors worried those countries might be most affected by turmoil in Greece.

In recent days, hopes had emerged that the outlines of a deal could emerge at a meeting of the 19 euro-zone finance ministers in Luxembourg on Thursday, but those expectations are fading after the weekend breakdown.

The meeting had been billed as a decisive moment in the protracted

talks as the Greek bailout program runs out at the end of the month and Athens needs to pay some 1.6 billion euros to the IMF or risk a default. The negotiations center on freeing up 7.2 billion euros (\$8.1 billion) to make sure Athens can keep paying off loans.

European officials urged Greece to swiftly resume negotiations with international creditors, which include its partners in the eurozone and the International Monetary Fund.

"Greece must not wait ... there's not a moment to lose," French President Francois Hollande said.

And European Central Bank chief Mario Draghi told EU lawmakers in Brussels that "the ball lies squarely in the camp" of the Greek government.

Draghi underlined the ECB's role in supporting Greek banks, allowing up to 83 billion euros (\$93 billion) in emergency credit, but cautioned that such lending could only continue so long as Greek banks remain solvent. The lenders have been allowed to purchase short-term government bills within limits, helping the government with its day-to-day struggle to raise cash. Draghi said that limit could only be raised — a move that could help ease some of the government's financing concerns — if there was a clear prospect of an agreement that will lead to the release of more bailout money.

Asked under what circumstances the ECB would end emergency support, Draghi said: "I don't want to speculate" on what would happen if Greece misses its upcoming payments to its creditors. The ECB will review its support for Greek banks on Wednesday.

Most observers think the



European Central Bank Governor Mario Draghi, second left, arrives for a meeting of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee at the European Parliament in Brussels on Monday, June 15, 2015.

(AP Photo/Virginia Mayo)

ECB is very unwilling to pull the plug on Greek banks and would only take such a drastic step once political leaders have completely

given up on a deal. An official present at Monday's emergency meeting in Athens said a deal was not reached over the

weekend because creditors' representatives were not authorized to decide on a renewed set of Greek proposals. □



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Ukraine's artillery duels again take toll on civilians

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) —

Crackling forth over radio, the voice ordered tanks to take position in a residential area in Donetsk, the stronghold of separatist rebels in east Ukraine.

The rebel armored vehicles trundled to their destination accompanied by a reinforced minivan carrying infantrymen to provide cover. Minutes later, the shells blasted toward government positions. Out of ammunition, the tanks left the scene. Later the same morning, artillery flew in the opposite direction — this time seemingly from Ukrainian troops, hitting a severely damaged area still inhabited by hundreds of families.

Artillery duels like this one have been a dominant feature of Ukraine's conflict, which the United Nations estimates has claimed at least 6,454 lives among both combatants and civilians. After months of relative tranquility ushered in by an internationally brokered armistice in February, civilian deaths are again becoming commonplace amid the stepped-up heavy weapons fighting.

UNICEF, the United Nations children's agency, said that at least 68 children have been killed in

ing at least two others. More often than not, the shells are less precise and slam into homes, shops or

round of full-blown war. What AP reporters have been able to observe looks like hit-and-run strikes by



A woman cries as she holds her baby, near to her house damaged by shelling, in Horlivka, eastern Ukraine. (AP Photo/Mstyslav Chernov)

the conflict — many by artillery. UNICEF said some children were injured by heavy weaponry as recently as last week, when heavy fighting erupted in Donetsk suburb of Marinka. The rebel artillery last week hit a checkpoint, killing a rebel fighter and wound-

a public building, killing or wounding civilians. Rebels say they are fighting to push back Ukrainian forces from their main city and keep them as far away from the civilian population as possible. Ukrainian officials say separatists are looking to provoke a new

rebel forces, often carried out from inside residential zones. Some Donetsk inhabitants are willing to confirm as much. "There is outgoing fire and then, after a while there is incoming shelling. This has been going on for a year," said Valentina Barkova, as

she cleared away debris from a strike on an apartment block neighboring her own over the weekend.

Tensions are at a breaking point for residents. On Monday, a spontaneous rally broke out demanding an end to the war. Some locals are calling for a big push to thwart the Ukrainian army, but many allied to the insurgents are also calling on them to pull their weapons out of residential areas.

Rebel commanders insist that they have no heavy weapons on the front, despite evidence to the contrary. "There are no such weapons here. We pulled them back. We use small arms and that's that. We are not violating the (peace) agreements even in the slightest way," said the head of the rebel unit at a front line position near the remains of Donetsk airport. The commander identified himself only by the nom de guerre Petrovich. Separatist spokesman Eduard Basurin said Friday that two civilians had been killed as a result of Ukrainian shelling the previous day. □

Pro-European parties ahead in Moldova's local elections

CORNELIU RUSNAC

Associated Press

CHISINAU, Moldova (AP) —

Pro-European parties came out ahead of those favoring closer ties with Russia in Moldova's local elections, an overall vote count indicated Monday, although many cities had no outright winner and will hold runoffs in two weeks. In Chisinau, the incumbent mayor, pro-European Dorin Chirtoaca was ahead but without enough votes to secure a majority.

Pro-European parties scored about 51 percent of the votes nationwide in Sunday's ballot, with pro-Russian parties polling at about 36 percent, the results showed. The remainder of votes went to independent parties.

The elections were seen as a test of whether Moldova would remain committed to European integration or choose to move closer to Russia. Pro-European parties won outright in 348 cities, towns and villages,

while pro-Russian parties won in 56 others and independent candidates in 34. In some 458 other places runoffs will be held June 28 because no candidate secured more than 50 percent of the vote.

They include Chisinau, where Chirtoaca had 37.4 percent of the vote and pro-Russian challenger Zinaida Greceanai had 35.9 percent after 99 percent of the vote was counted Monday. Renato Usatii, a pro-Russian businessman,

won outright in Moldova's second-largest city, Balti, taking 73.7 percent of votes. The city in northern Moldova is traditionally pro-Russian. Usatii, who headed the Patria party, fled to Russia in November ahead of parliamentary elections, saying he feared arrest by Moldovan authorities after a court banned his party from taking part in the ballot because it received money from abroad.

Pro-Russian businessman Ilan Shor, who is being

probed over the disappearance of \$1.5 billion from three Moldovan banks before the November elections, won outright in the eastern town of Orhei, polling 62 percent of the vote.

The local elections in the former Soviet republic came days after pro-European Prime Minister Chiril Gaburici resigned amid questions about the authenticity of his high school diploma and university degree. □



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Pope's stance leaks; calls for urgent action on environment



Pope Francis is hugged by a child on the occasion of an audience with participants of Rome's diocese convention in St. Peter's Square, at the Vatican, Sunday, June 14, 2015. Francis engaged in some self-promotion during his weekly blessing, alerting the thousands of people in St. Peter's Square that his first solo encyclical is coming out on Thursday and inviting them to pay attention to environmental degradation around them.

(AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia)

NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A draft copy of Pope Francis' eagerly awaited encyclical on the environment calls for urgent action to protect the Earth and fight global warming, which the pope says is "mostly" due to human activity and the burning of fossil fuels.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the document that was leaked to the Italian newsweekly L'Espresso and published on its website Monday was not the final version and that the official encyclical would still be released as scheduled on Thursday.

The L'Espresso draft, which was published in galley form in Italian, makes many of the same points that Francis and his advisers have been making in the months-long rollout of the

document.

In the draft, Francis lays out both the scientific and the moral reasons for protecting God's creation, noting that the poor are already suffering the most from air pollution and toxic dumping and will continue to bear the brunt of rising sea levels and extreme weather conditions.

The draft says population growth isn't to blame for ecological problems but rather the consumerist, wasteful behavior of the rich. Francis backs up his comments with science showing the impact on the planet of the continual loss of biodiversity in Amazonian rainforests, the melting of Arctic glaciers, the overfishing of the seas and the pollution of the world's water supply.

Francis has said he wanted the encyclical to be read by everyone — not just

Catholics — and he notes in the introduction that the document is now part of the formal teaching "magisterium" of the Catholic Church. That could be read as a warning of sorts to climate skeptics, including many Catholics in the U.S. who have suggested they simply will ignore the encyclical since the pope's views on the environment

clash with their doubts about climate change. Francis in September will travel to the United States and address both the United Nations and the U.S. Congress. Some Republicans are vocal climate skeptics and many conservatives have criticized the pope from even taking up the environment in an encyclical, the most authori-

tative teaching document a pope can issue.

Francis has said previously that climate change is "mostly" man-made and that humankind has a moral imperative to radically change its behavior to protect the planet for future generations — as well as to prevent the poor from suffering due to the sins of the rich. □

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Mexico says Russian daughter admitted killing mom, sister

MARK STEVENSON

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The 19-year-old daughter of a Russian woman has confessed to killing and dismembering her mother and her 12-year-old sister, because she thought they were performing witchcraft against her, Mexican

prosecutors in the border state of Baja California said Monday. An official in the state prosecutors' office, who was not authorized to be quoted by name, said the older daughter had not yet been detained because police were waiting for a formal arrest warrant.

The alleged culprit has been identified as Anastasia Lechtchenko, but the Russian Embassy in Mexico City could not immediately confirm that name. The prosecutors' official said that the young woman told investigators she planned the crime and committed it without ac-

complices, but that the circumstances of the killings were still under investigation.

The dismembered bodies of the 45-year-old mother and her daughter were found last week in plastic bags at their home in Playas de Tijuana, about a half mile (1 kilometer) from

the U.S. border. The rotting bodies were discovered when police responded to reports of a stench coming from the garage.

In a statement Thursday, prosecutors had said that two people were being questioned and that "the family environment could have been the cause." □

Auto sales plummet in Brazil, hamstringing key industry

STAN LEHMAN

Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — Plummeting auto sales in Brazil amid the nation's worst economic crisis in a decade have battered the industry that makes up one-fourth of the country's industrial gross domestic product and has led to widespread layoffs and mandatory leaves.

At least 6,000 workers in auto factories have been laid off since January, officials say, and another 20,000 put on furlough. Those add to thousands of jobs lost last year.

Additionally, Fenabrade, an association of auto dealers, said 250 of the country's 8,000 dealerships have gone out of business this year, resulting in 12,000 lost jobs.

Behind the worst crisis in

more than a decade for the world's fourth-largest auto market is the "uncertainty surrounding the



In this June 10 photo, new trucks and parts sit at a Mercedes-Benz park in Sao Bernardo do Campo, Brazil. Mercedes-Benz said in a statement that "the sharp drop in bus and truck sales" had forced it last month to rescind the contracts of 500 workers who had been furloughed several months earlier.

(AP Photo/Nelson Antoine)

country's sluggish economy, reduced access to credit and a drop in consumer confidence," said

Rodrigo Baggi, an auto industry analyst at Sao Paulo's Tendencias Consultancy. "Purchases of non-

It's another sign of the serious trouble facing the Brazilian economy, which is forecast by most economists to contract by more than 1 percent this year, with consumer spending dwindling, unemployment hitting a five-year high and inflation soaring about 2 percentage points above the government's target ceiling of 6.5 percent.

The Brazilian Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association estimates that vehicle production will drop to 2.6 million units in 2015, about

18 percent less than last year's output as a result of the lower demand, said the association's president, Luiz Moan. That's a severe blow to automakers, who for a decade have enjoyed booming auto sales in Brazil and consider the nation vital to their over-

all bottom lines. Carmakers maintain a 10-percent profit margin in the South American nation, as compared to the global average of about 3 percent. But it's also putting stress on a massive supply-chain industry that employs more than 200,000 people.

Moan said that during the last 12 months, roughly 10 percent of the automakers' labor force of 138,000 had been dismissed — many taking early retirements offered by auto companies trying to cut costs.

Marcos Aurelio Prado Araujo, a welder for the past decade at a Mercedes truck and bus chassis plant in the Sao Paulo suburb of Sao Bernardo do Campo, where much of Brazil's auto industry is centered, was given his pink slip in late May. □

essential durable goods like cars, motorcycles and electrical appliances are being postponed."

Police: Missing Malaysian tanker likely hijacked by pirates

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — A Malaysian oil tanker that went missing last week carrying fuel worth 21 million ringgit (\$5.6 million) and 22 crew members is believed to have been hijacked by pirates, marine police said Monday.

MT Orkim Harmony, loaded with 7.5 million liters (2 million gallons) of gasoline belonging to national oil company Petronas, was

headed to northern Kuantan when communications with it were lost late Thursday near Singapore. It was the second tanker believed to have been hijacked this month in the same area.

Ahmad Puzi Abdul Kahar, deputy director-general of the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, said there was a "high probability" that the tanker was taken by pirates, although

no ransom demands have been received. The crew consists of 16 Malaysians, five Indonesians and a Myanmar national.

He said the vessel didn't issue any distress call and all communications and tracking systems could have been turned off.

Another Malaysian tanker carrying diesel fuel was hijacked June 4 in the same area. The vessel was released after the fuel was

siphoned off.

Ahmad Puzi said it will be more difficult to steal the gasoline because it is highly flammable and requires special safety equipment. He said the nearest such facilities are in Thailand, Brunei and Vietnam.

The agency is in touch with its regional counterparts to track the vessel, he added. The International Maritime Bureau says attacks against small tankers off

Southeast Asia's coasts have been rising since last year. Gangs of armed thieves usually target small tankers in the region for their cargo, looking specifically for marine diesel and oil to steal and then sell, it says. Pirates have been particularly active near Indonesia's Bintan island and in the South China Sea, where 11 vessels were hijacked last year, the bureau said. □

LOCAL Aruba TODAY

AHRA Organizes Successful Stress Resilience Workshop

EAGLE BEACH - On June 10th, 2014 in La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino's Ballroom, AHRA (Aruba Human Resources Association) hosted a 2 hour workshop on 'Stress Resilience'. The workshop was facilitated by Doctor and Trainer Henry Does. Dr. Does is an Occupational Health physician in the Netherlands and a fellow of the American Institute of Stress (AIS). During this fascinating workshop Dr. Does discussed amongst other things, workload and other possible stressors that people can experience on the job and in their personal lives. How one can become more mentally resilient in coping with these stressors, and thereby achieving a certain degree of fulfillment, meaning, and develop resonant relationships in the process. Dr. Does discussed these



by sharing with AHRA members interesting current scientific insights on the 'mind and brain' dynamics, resilience, and the optimal functioning of it all combined. AHRA is a non-profit organization, dedicated to

the support and development of human resources professionals in Aruba, by providing their members through workshops, lectures and seminars, the knowledge and tools to enhance the quality of Hu-

man Resources Management in Aruba. AHRA invites all professionals in the field of "Human Resources" who are not members yet, to join them for a meeting. The next General Meeting of AHRA will be held

on Wednesday July 15th. Those that are interested in attending a meeting as a guest/or apply for membership can contact AHRA by phone at 5201131, by e-mail info@arubahumanresources.com / or by visit-

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Indian Association of Aruba and Prana Yoga to Organize First International Yoga Day Activities in Aruba



ORANJESTAD - Yoga is a 6,000+-year-old physical, mental and spiritual practice having its origin in India, which aims to transform the body and the mind. Although Yoga started some 6,000 years ago in India, it is only now that UN has agreed to officially recognize the ef-

forts and declare 21st June every year as an International Yoga Day. This day is called 'summer solstice' and is the longest day in the northern hemisphere with a special significance in many parts of the world.

Yoga embodies unity of mind and body; thought and action; harmony between man and nature and a holistic approach to health and well-being. It is not only about physical exercise but to discover the sense of oneness within yourself, the world and the nature. By changing our lifestyle and creating consciousness, it can help us deal with various issues whether personal, national or societal issues like climate change.

Indian Association of Aru-



ba, in active collaboration with Prana Yoga Center, will organize Yoga Day activities in Aruba from 4:30 to 7pm this Sunday, the 21st June 2015 at Prana Yoga Center. On this day, we are pleased to advise that various yoga trainers in Aruba have joined hands to put up a program as under:

4:30 Welcome and Yoga Sun Salutation demo by teachers and students together in the garden.

5:30 Quantum Yoga mini lecture by Ellen Biermans (founder of Prana)

6:30 Yoga On and Off the Mat by Marcelle (certified

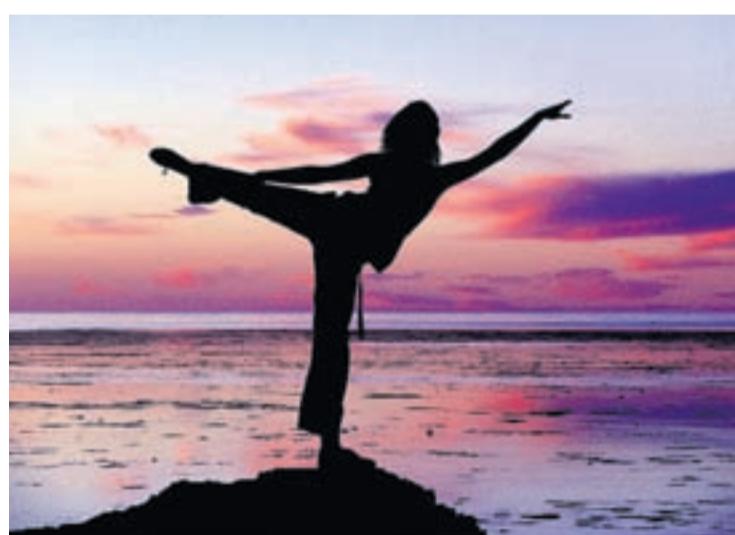
vinyasa teacher)

7:00 Closing with "Unify" Sun Salutation followed by 15 minutes meditation

Activities will also include a Healing Sound Concert (with 17 Tibetan Bowls) by Ellen Biermans and a beautiful yoga video throughout the afternoon.

Prana Yoga is located at Zapp Lampstraat # 10 between Colegio Arubano and Plaza Betico Croes. All activities of yoga day will be free of charge to

the participants. All are welcome to join and get a taste of Yoga activities in Aruba. For further information, please call 588-2882 or 661-8133. Indian Association and Prana Center recognizes the willing co-operation by many Yoga organizations like Yoga for All Aruba, Yoga for Spanish community, Dushi Yoga, Bramha Kumaris, Fresh juices and smoothies by Tribu Organics and Sup Yoga by Yogi Nathalie.□





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an amuse in the garden before being led to their tables for a five-course extravagant dinner with superb wines. Tables will be set up throughout the Butterfly farm, so lovely, winged creatures will be

forming a colorful backdrop to the plates that are served. A kitchen will be set up, so that Papillon's chefs can whip up their delightful treats with

all the seasonal specials on location. The Papillon dinner is held on July 4th. Guests can expect the best of the best during the extraordinary evening, which is sponsored by the Aruba Trading Company (ATC). The fantastic twinkling lights that make everyone and everything sparkle in this botanical garden are courtesy of Patrick Verburg.

Papillon's chefs and management have come up with the best possible pairing for the wines, which include a Veuve Cliquot 1995 Vintage Rose, Chablis Premier Cru, Super Tuscan and more. As there is space for only forty-five seated guests, pre-registration is necessary. And one of those forty-five will be the lucky winner of a magnum of Veuve Cliquot rosé. Who would not

like to win one of those? A bit of background information: Papillon, the name of the most famous escaped prisoner in the world, is also the French word for butterfly. The concept of hosting a 'Papillon' dinner in the butterfly garden is therefore a stroke of genius. Five years ago, the evening was a resounding success; guests still vividly remember the tremendous event.

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Tonight at Cas di Cultura:**Nuevo Mundo Festival 2015 Closes With Chamber Orchestra Concert!**

ORANJESTAD - After seven superb free concerts in the small theatre of Cas di Cultura, tonight at 8 PM Nuevo Mundo Festival & Academy will close its 2015 Festival with a Gala Concert by its Chamber Orchestra consisting of over 30 masters and students. The last time a larger orchestra appeared in Cas di Cultura was 56 years ago, in 1959, when the world renowned National Symphony Orchestra of Washington, DC visited our island.

Attached picture shows the Chamber Orchestra of the 2011 Festival, taken in the Central Bank of Venezuela theatre in Maracaibo. The violinist wearing a frock coat is Simon Gollo, founder and Director of Nuevo Mundo Festival & Academy.

For the closing concert NMFA has prepared a four part program and each part will be directed by a



different student of Musical Direction. The name of the students will remain a surprise till the last moment. The program is as follows:

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Tiger Woods walks past the flag as he practices on the ninth green, Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at Chambers Bay in University Place, Wash., where the U.S. Open will be played June 18-21.

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The courtship of Chambers Bay at U.S. Open

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

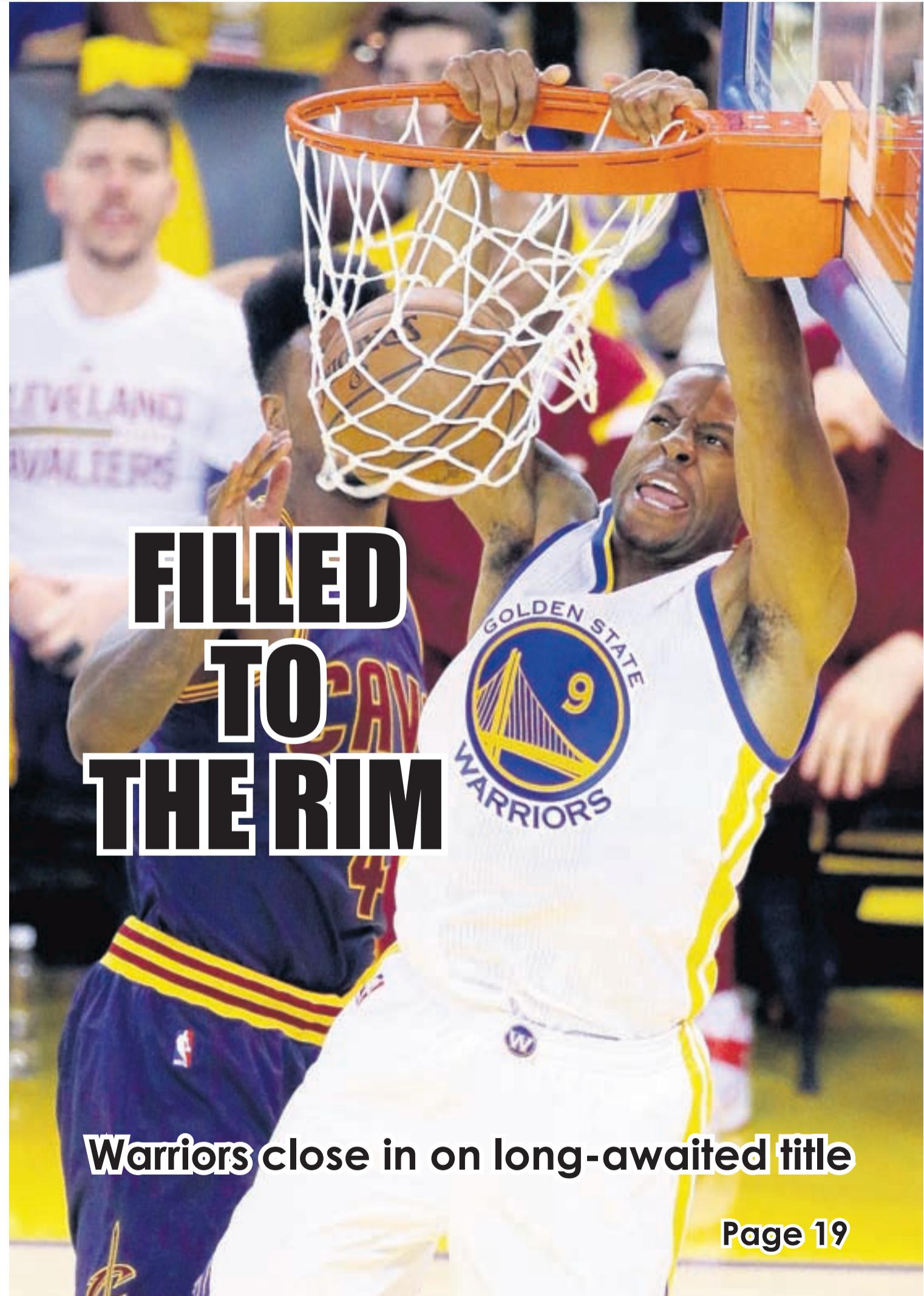
UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. (AP) — Robert Streb walked off the third green at Chambers Bay, looked both directions and headed left down a dirt path toward Puget Sound.

Wrong way. He walked back up the hill and stood in front of a large sign that showed a map of the course, arms crossed as he tried to figure out one of the many mysteries about this U.S. course. In this case, it was a simple question — where was No. 4?

Streb wasn't alone.

"It was early on in the course, I think around the third or fourth hole," Paul Casey said Monday. "My caddie walked the course the day before and knew the way. But I saw many caddies who were lost searching for the fourth tee." There are more pertinent questions about Chambers Bay, the newest course in 45 years to host a U.S. Open. Never has a U.S. Open course featured so much elevation.

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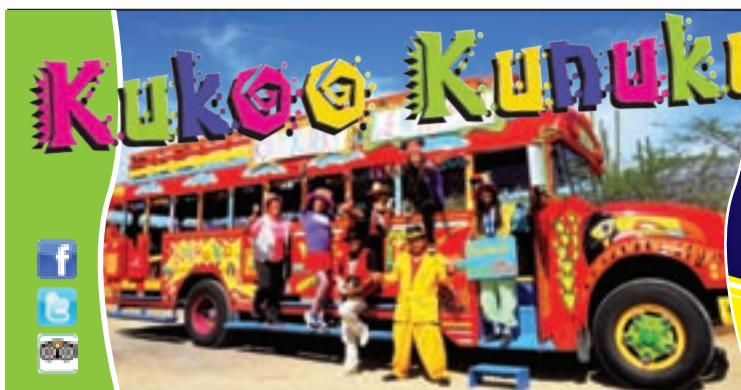
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Warriors close in on long-awaited title

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Golden State Warriors forward Andre Iguodala (9) dunks against the Cleveland Cavaliers during the second half of Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, June 14, 2015.

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U.S. Open

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One fairway is just over 100 yards wide. And it's so difficult to determine where the fairway ends and the green starts that the USGA has marked each green with white dots about a yard apart to outline the putting surface.

Morgan Hoffmann, one of 11 players who competed at Chambers Bay in 2010 for the U.S. Amateur, described it with words that could take on any meaning.

Interesting. Different.

About the only one he left out was exciting.

"Oh, it will be exciting, absolutely," Hoffmann said. "There's going to be shots you see on TV that they're going to replay and you're going to say, 'How did that happen?' Because you can't see anywhere near what the slopes are."

Monday was busier than usual for a U.S. Open as the courtship of Chambers Bay got started with the first official day of practice.

Tiger Woods was among those who took a scouting trip within the past two weeks. He was first out on the back nine and plans to go nine holes a day. Jordan Spieth played Chambers Bay for one round in the U.S. Amateur (he shot 83), played it again when his caddie got married and spent the weekend getting reacquainted.

The reviews are mixed, which is not unusual for any U.S. Open.

Chambers Bay is not a links course. It just dresses up like one, especially with the fescue grass that gives the course a blend of brown and green, mixed with yellow wisps of fescue framing the rugged and expansive bunkers.

"There's plenty of danger out there," Paul Casey said. "Visually, it's fairly generous off the tee with what I've grown up with on links, if you're going to call this a links. You can have a lot of fear standing on the tee at links courses — Muirfield, Birkdale and the like. "You know if you don't pipe, it you're going to be

had to use a laser to figure out how hard he had to get back toward the flag. The greens have so much contour that they look like oversized potato chips. Bubba Watson posted a video of him with his back to the hole, putting some 40 feet away from the cup up a ridge and watching it roll back and into the hole.

the third one from the left, as his best line to get close to the hole.

"I think it's a fun golf course," Jimmy Walker said. "You have to be really careful hitting into the greens — where to hit and where not to hit. ... My first go-around, you see the pin and look at the book and it was hard to tell. I've still got

did it my way. And it was bad."

For the moment, Chambers Bay is so new and so different that it's more intriguing than aggravating. Then again, scores don't count until Thursday. Walker said he played in a group that produced plenty of birdies and decent scores. And one aspect of the U.S.



In this June 2, 2015, photo, Robert Trent Jones Jr., designer of the Chambers Bay golf course, poses for a photo holding one of his original sketches of the 15th hole in University Place, Wash. **Associated Press**

looking for a ball for a long time. Here, it's generous. The premium is put on the second shot and on the green. Where do you miss your second shot?"

Retief Goosen, a two-time U.S. Open champion, hit the front of the first green in front of the flag, which was the wrong spot. It took a slope to the left and rolled off the green. It rolled so far, in fact, that Goosen

Streb, once he found his way to the fourth tee, proved to be a quick study. The flags on the green might as well have been there for decoration. Streb stood in the fairway and gazed some 30 yards right of the green.

There were two TV towers on either side of a large grandstand. He settled on a USGA logo in the mesh bunting of the bleachers,

some studying to do." It can be deceptive in so many ways.

Walker recalled one par 4 in which he thought he could clear all the bunkers down the right side. His caddie, Andy Sanders, was telling him to go much farther left away from the trouble.

"Visually, I couldn't do it. It didn't look right," Walker said. "I went ahead and

Open has changed.

"I don't know exactly what the mission statement is to find a U.S. Open course and how to set it up," two-time Open champion Lee Janzen said.

"But I would imagine that it would be to provide a challenging test so that the best players in the world are challenged, and hopefully bring out the best players for that week." □

Up 3-2, Warriors expect Cavs' punch in Game 6

BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

OAKLAND, California (AP)

— Stephen Curry received treatment for dehydration following Game 5 of the NBA Finals, a little worn out after carrying Golden State to the brink of its first championship in 40 years. The Warriors will need him at his best Tuesday, knowing what's coming from LeBron James in Cleveland.

"They're going to come out and give it their best punch," Warriors guard Klay Thompson said.

The Warriors will have two chances to win the series after taking a 3-2 lead with their 104-91 victory Sunday. They would host Game 7, if necessary, on Friday.

"We don't want to come back here," Thompson said. "As much as we'd love to win it in front of our fans, we really want to finish it in Cleveland."

James had 40 points, 14 rebounds and 11 assists Sunday, his second triple-double in the series, and was asked how he copes with such a performance not resulting in victory.

"Well, you cope with it by understanding it's just one game and looking at the opportunity we have on Tuesday to force a Game 7," he said. "Obviously, for myself, I want to do whatever it takes to help our team win, and I haven't been able to do that the



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) walks in front of Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) during the first half of Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, June 14, 2015.

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last two. So hopefully I can do a better job coming in on Tuesday. We all as a unit can do a better job, and we'll be fine."

Some things from Game 5 to watch when the series returns to Cleveland:

MVP! MVP!: After Curry's dismal Game 2 and rough start to Game 3, he has rediscovered his shot. His 37-point performance Sunday including seven 3-pointers, the second time in the series he's fallen one shy of Ray Allen's NBA Finals record.

"I just think sooner or later, Steph's going to get go-

ing," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "He had a tough first couple of games. He got going at the end of Game 3 in the fourth quarter, and that's all it takes. Steph makes a couple shots, he feels like he's got it rolling, and he's been great ever since."

FANTASTIC FINISHES: The Warriors, with their superior depth, have largely dominated the fourth quarters of the last three games, outscoring the Cavaliers by 12, 15 and seven points. Whether the problem has been fatigue or poor execution, the Cavaliers know

they have to clean that up in Cleveland.

"We gave up 31 points in the fourth," James said of Sunday's game. "Some of them were free throws, but a lot of them were them just breaking us down. So we've got to do a better job of that."

LEGEND OF LEBRON: James is averaging 36.6 points, 12.4 rebounds and 8.8 assists in the series with two triple-doubles. He's one shy of tying the record of four 40-point games in one finals, set by Jerry West in 1969 and Michael Jordan in 1993, and has been so

good that the Warriors don't even pretend they might stop him.

"He's been there for years now, so you're not going to shut him down. But if you continue to make him work hard for each and every bucket that he gets, it takes a toll on his body," said Golden State's Draymond Green, the runner-up for Defensive Player of the Year.

"If he gets 40, he gets 40. Like I said, that's why he's LeBron James. You can go throw a triple-team at him, and he'll probably still get 40, but as long as you make him work for those 40, then you've got to be satisfied with what you do."

HACK-AN-IGGY: Though Cleveland coach David Blatt has said he is against the Hack-a-Shaq strategy of intentionally fouling away from the ball, Andre Iguodala wasn't surprised when the Cavaliers used it against him down the stretch.

Iguodala was just 2 for 11 from the free-throw line in Game 5 and a woeful 6 for 18 (33.3 percent) in the finals, so he figures he may see more of the strategy the remainder of the series. "So got a day tomorrow when we get to Cleveland to prepare for it, and it's a challenge," Iguodala said. "Just like any other challenge, you want to meet it head on and you want to be ready for it." □

Federer struggles past Kohlschreiber in 3 sets

HALLE, Germany (AP) — Roger Federer got away with a close call in the opening round of his favorite Wimbledon tune-up event, beating Philipp Kohlschreiber 7-6 (8), 3-6, 7-6 (5) at the Gerry Weber Open on Monday.

Federer is seeking his eighth title in Halle, a grass-court tournament that is traditionally his preparation for Wimbledon, where he will be chasing a record eighth title later this month.

"We were not happy with the draw," the top-seeded Federer said. "He could have won today and would have deserved it. I was lucky, although I'd already been thinking that this may not be my day."

Federer mixed some spectacular moves, including a behind-the-back shot when caught on the wrong foot, with some uncharacteristic errors. He appeared irritated by a late chal-

lenge by the German and hit a volley wide to drop serve. Federer's backhand into the net gave Kohlschreiber the middle set.

Federer wasted two match points at 5-4 in the third and trailed 5-3 in the tie-breaker, with Kohlschreiber having an opportunity to serve out the match. But he missed with a slice and then slipped while trying to reach a shot. With the score at 5-5, Kohlschreiber hit a wild smash way out of



Switzerland's Roger Federer misses a return in the quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament against compatriot Stan Wawrinka who won in three sets 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4), at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

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court and then his return ended in the net, giving Federer the victory. Federer

improved to 9-0 in head-to-head meetings with the German. □

AL Capsules

Blue Jays win 11th straight to tie team record, rout Red Sox

BOSTON (AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays won their 11th straight game to equal the team record, routing Boston as Ryan Goins homered, doubled and drove in five runs.

Danny Valencia also homered as the highest-scoring club in the majors completed a sweep at Fenway Park and sent Boston to its season-worst sixth straight loss.

This is the fourth time Toronto has won 11 in a row, most recently in 2013. The Blue Jays can set the team mark Monday night when they visit the New York Mets.

Goins' three-run homer capped a six-run fourth inning as the Blue Jays roughed up rookie Eduardo Rodriguez (2-1).

Marco Estrada (4-3) gave up five runs in five innings. David Ortiz hit a three-run homer for Boston, which fell 10 games under .500.

RAYS 2, WHITE SOX 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Asdrubal Cabrera hit a two-run homer off Chris Sale in the seventh inning, helping Tampa Bay complete a three-game sweep.

Sale (6-3) struck out 12 over 6 2/3 innings to became the first pitcher since Boston's Pedro Martinez in 2001 to strikeout 12 or more in four straight starts. The left-handed two runs and three hits during a 125-pitch outing.

After Steven Souza Jr. opened the seventh with a

walk, Cabrera hit a high fly into the left-field seats off Sale to make it 2-1. It was Cabrera's third homer this season, and first since May 19. He has just two extra-base hits over his last 19 games.

C.J. Riepenhauser (1-0) threw a scoreless seventh to get his first major league win. After Steve Geltz pitched the eighth, Kevin Jepsen got the final three outs for his fifth save.

YANKEES 5, ORIOLES 3

BALTIMORE (AP) — John Ryan Murphy had the Yankees' only hit in a three-run fifth inning, helping salvage the finale of a three-game series.

Mark Teixeira drove in a run and scored one to help the first-place Yankees end Baltimore's six-game winning streak.

New York starter Adam Warren was pulled with two outs in the fifth and replaced by Chasen Shreve (3-1), who went 1 1/3 innings. Dellin Betances, filling in for injured closer Andrew Miller, worked around a walk in the ninth for his third save.

Nolan Reimold had two RBIs for the Orioles, who managed only six hits after scoring 20 runs on 31 hits in their previous two games. Baltimore was seeking a seventh straight win for the first time since 2005.

The Yankees trailed 3-2 before rallying in the fifth. Orioles rookie Mike Wright (2-2) issued three straight walks — all on 3-2 pitches



Toronto Blue Jays left fielder Danny Valencia catches a fly ball hit by Boston Red Sox's Blake Swihart in the second inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park, Sunday, June 14, 2015, in Boston.

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— to load the bases and Brian Matusz walked Garrett Jones with the count full to force in a run. Two outs later, Murphy hit a two-run double off the glove of third baseman Manny Machado.

TIGERS 8, INDIANS 1
DETROIT (AP) — Miguel Cabrera once again tagged Corey Kluber and the Indians, hitting a booming

home run to lead Detroit. Cabrera hit his 14th homer, a solo drive in the fourth inning that went an estimated 450 feet into the left edge of the batter's eye. It landed close to the 452-footer he hit Friday night.

The two-time AL MVP is 20 for 35 with five homers in his career against Kluber (3-8). The reigning Cy Young

Award winner lost his third straight decision.

Cabrera had three hits and scored three times. He went 7 for 11 in the series with a pair of homers and six RBIs.

J.D. Martinez added a three-run homer for the Tigers on a soggy afternoon. Alfredo Simon (7-3) allowed three hits and struck out five in the first five innings. Heavy, persistent rain delayed the game for 1:51 after the fifth.

ASTROS 13, MARINERS 0

HOUSTON (AP) — Rookie Lance McCullers and four relievers combined for a two-hitter and Evan Gattis tied a career high with four hits, as Houston cruised past Seattle.

McCullers (3-1) struck out four and didn't allow a hit through five, but he needed 90 pitches to get through those innings because of four walks. He was replaced by Tony Sipp for the sixth inning and Austin Jackson doubled with one out in the inning.

Joe Thatcher allowed one hit in the seventh, Will Harris threw a perfect eighth and Josh Fields completed the shutout. Colby Rasmus had three RBIs as the Astros built a 10-0 lead by the fourth inning on a day where all but one player in the starting lineup had a hit.

Seattle starter Roenis Elias (3-4) was roughed up for seven hits and a career-high eight runs in 3 1/3 innings in his shortest start of the season. □



In this May 8, 2015, file photo, San Diego Padres' Bud Black paces in the dugout prior to a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks in Phoenix.

Padres fire manager Bud Black

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Padres, who began the season with high expectations thanks to a high-profile overhaul of their roster, fired longtime manager Bud Black on Monday after limping to a weak start.

In an offseason frenzy, general manager A.J. Preller add Matt Kemp from the rival Dodgers, as well as Justin Upton, Wil Myers, Derek Norris and James Shields. But the Padres entered Monday

night's game at home against the Athletics with a 32-33 record and in third place behind the Dodgers and San Francisco Giants.

The team said that it was immediately beginning a search for an interim manager to take over for the rest of the season. Bench coach Dave Roberts was tapped to serve as manager against Oakland. Black was hired in 2006, compiling a 649-713 record during his time at

the helm. He was named 2010 National League manager of the year after leading the Padres to 90-72 record, the most wins by San Diego since a franchise-record 98 in 1998.

But the Padres haven't had a winning season since 2010 and last year finished 18 games behind Los Angeles in the NL West. They haven't been to the postseason since 2006.

Black was in the final year of his contract. □

Scherzer throws 1-hitter and Ks 16, Nationals beat Brewers



Washington Nationals starting pitcher Max Scherzer is congratulated by catcher Jose Lobaton after a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers Sunday, June 14, 2015, in Milwaukee.

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MILWAUKEE (AP) — Max Scherzer struck out a Nationals-record 16 batters and pitched a one-hitter, losing his perfect-game bid on a single that barely fell in bounds during the seventh inning to lead Washington to a 4-0 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday..

Carlos Gomez got Milwaukee's only hit, leading off the seventh with a broken-bat looper to right field just beyond the outstretched glove of second baseman Anthony Rendon. Scherzer looked the other away after the ball dropped.

After losing his last two starts, Scherzer (7-5) rebounded with the most overpowering game of his career, which includes a Cy Young Award, two All-Star selections and a lot of strikeouts. In the first season of a \$210 million, seven-year contract, Scherzer got his second complete game in his 211th career start.

Scherzer set a career high for strikeouts and broke the Washington mark of 14 set by Stephen Strasburg.

The Nationals scored two runs off rookie Taylor Jungmann (1-1), who labored

through five innings in his second career start. Clint Robinson added a two-run double with two outs in the seventh off Jeremy Jeffress.

PIRATES 1, PHILLIES 0, 11 inn

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Josh Harrison singled home Neil Walker with two outs in the 11th to lift Pittsburgh.

Walker singled off Jonathan Papelbon (1-1) to start the late rally. Jose Tabata reached when Philadelphia shortstop Freddy Galvis threw a routine grounder into the stands. Harrison followed with a crisp shot up the middle as the Pirates won their fourth straight.

Antonio Bastardo (2-1) picked up the win with an inning of scoreless relief. The Pirates have swept six series this season, the most of any team in the majors.

Former teammates A.J. Burnett and Cole Hamels spent most of the afternoon overwhelming opposing batters. Burnett, who spent a forgettable season with Philadelphia in 2014 before returning to Pittsburgh in the offseason, scattered five hits in nine shutout innings to drop his ERA to 1.89.

Hamels was just as dominant, giving up four singles in seven innings to go with one walk and 12 strikeouts.

DIAMONDBACKS 4, GIANTS 0

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Rubby De La Rosa took an eight-hitter into the ninth as Arizona chased Chris Heston after five innings in his first start coming off a no-hitter.

Heston pitched his gem against the New York Mets on Tuesday in his 13th major league start. His shot at matching Johnny Vander Meer's record of throwing consecutive no-hitters in 1938 ended with one out in the second when Jake Lamb doubled.

The rookie right-hander gave up three runs — two earned — on seven hits. He walked four and struck out two. Heston (6-5) had won four of his previous five decisions.

Chris Owings drove in two runs for Arizona.

De La Rosa (5-4) won for the first time since May 12, a span of six starts. He gave up eight hits, walked two and struck out six in eight-plus innings.

ROCKIES 4, MARLINS 1

MIAMI (AP) — Jorge De La Rosa became Colorado's career leader in victories, pitching seven innings to prevent a four-game sweep.

Charlie Blackmon and Nolan Arenado homered to give the Rockies a 3-0 lead in the first inning. That was one more run than they totaled while losing first three games of the series.

De La Rosa (4-2) allowed four hits and one run to

lower his ERA to 4.91. He improved to 73-47 with the Rockies, surpassing Aaron Cook, who went 72-68 for Colorado. De La Rosa pitched around four walks and two errors.

Three relievers combined to complete a five-hitter, and John Axford struck out the side in the ninth for his 12th save in as many chances. The Marlins went 1 for 10 with runners in scoring position. □



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Starter or sub? Abby Wambach says she just wants to win

ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Abby Wambach will do whatever it takes to win the Women's World Cup, even if that means she's coming off the bench.

Wambach came in as a second-half sub in the United States' scoreless draw against Sweden on Friday night, the team's second group-stage match. The second-ranked U.S. will conclude the stage Tuesday night with a match against Nigeria.

"The World Cup for us, for our sport, is the biggest title you can win as a team," she said. "I've never had the opportunity to win one. I've come close. That's obviously a dream of mine to be able raise that trophy for my country."

Before Sweden, the all-time leading U.S. scorer hadn't come off the bench in a World Cup match since 2003. This is the 35-year-old forward's fourth trip to the tournament.

A win against Nigeria, ranked No. 33 in the world, would give the United States a first-place finish in Group D and send the team to Edmonton, Alberta, to open the knockout round next Monday.

After starting in the 3-1 tournament-opening victory of Australia, Wambach entered against Sweden in the 68th minute. Less than 10 minutes later, she had one of the best U.S. scoring chances of the game, a header that Hedvig Lindahl popped up and over the crossbar.

Wambach believes that if she had been playing on real grass, she would have scored on that header. This is the first World Cup played on artificial turf, which has been a contentious issue among many players, and especially Wambach.

Wambach led the way last year when a group of players filed a claim in Canada saying that putting the Women's World Cup on artificial turf amounted to gender discrimination — because the men's event had never been played on what some disdainfully call a "plastic pitch." FIFA wouldn't bend on the issue, saying that Canada's bid in 2011 — the only bid in the end for this year's event — stipulated the tournament be played on an artificial surface. The group that filed the claim eventually dropped it so they could focus on preparation for the event.

"For me, I definitely think that the U.S. has more goals if we're playing on grass," she said.

Before the match against No. 5 Sweden, a New York Times profile of Swedish coach Pia Sundhage, the former U.S. coach, quoted her as saying she'd use Wambach as a sub. Sundhage led the U.S. to two Olympic gold medals and to the final of the 2011 World Cup in Germany, where the team lost to Japan on penalty kicks. Sundhage expanded on her comments in

Canada the day before the match.

"You have players starting the game, but you have players that will end the game. And Abby is a player that will make the difference (at the end of games). So I would have that in my back pocket and throw her in and win the game. Now, I don't know the team today, but I saw the game against Australia, and today, playing against Sweden, I would start her because

— those decisions will pay off."

Nigeria is coming off a 2-0 loss to Australia on Friday, following a 3-all draw with Sweden in the opener. The Super Falcons' speed and physicality — as well as a spirited group of music-playing supporters — won fans for the team in Canada.

But Nigeria was stung by FIFA's three-game suspension of defender Ugo Njoku, who elbowed



In this June 8, 2015, file photo, United States' Abby Wambach's (20) header goes wide against Australia during the first half of a FIFA Women's World Cup soccer match in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Associated Press

she's that good," Sundhage said.

Wambach doesn't see herself as coming off the bench all the time.

"I think my role for this team, being a longer tournament, might be different from game to game, opponent to opponent," she said. "We have such strong depth, that's one of the biggest strengths of our team, and the ability of our coaching staff to go down our bench to fix problems that are happening and to close out games. ... And hopefully when we get to games four, five and six — and hopefully seven

forward Samantha Kerr in the face during Friday's match.

Nigeria's only chance to advance to the knockout stage is with a victory over the United States. Wambach said the United States is wary of Nigeria. While the Americans are the lopsided favorites to win the match, there's already been one big upset: France's surprising 2-0 loss to Colombia on Saturday.

"I think that they're going to play as hard as they can," Wambach said. "They're fighting for their lives in this tournament." □



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French app hopes to link Muslim faithful with prayer sites

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MARSEILLE, France (AP)

— They simply wanted a place to pray, as required five times a day for faithful Muslims. But in France, that's not necessarily simple.

The country has relatively few Muslim prayer spaces compared with the population — one for every 1,200 by some estimates — and a group of five friends from a variety of backgrounds decided they could do something about a problem they found themselves facing every day.

They created an online community they called Salatsurfing, building an app and website to link the faithful with people willing to donate space. Salatsurfing lists about 150 spaces — homes or businesses — throughout France. About 2,500 people have joined since the geolocation service started in September. Sofiane Benabdallah, one of the founders, says the idea is similar to Airbnb or Uber — with one crucial difference:

The service is free and the space is donated.

"By no means do we want to replace mosques. The mosque's role is clearly identified in Islam's precepts

," said Yosra Farrouj, another of the founders. "Salatsurfing is really an alternative in the way we allow someone to pray when a mosque is closed or there is no mosque around."

Otmane Aziz, whose meeting room is among the listings, said it was natural to donate it as a prayer space.

"It's a question of brotherhood, solidarity. To me, it seems right," Aziz said. □



In this photo taken on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, three of the five founders and creators of an online community and app called "Salatsurfing", Sofiane Benabdallah, left, Amazigh Benabdallah, center, and Yosra Farrouj pose for a photographer in Marseille, southern France.

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Password service warns users to change their, yep, passwords

BRANDON BAILEY

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A

popular web service that promises to help people keep their passwords secure has reported hackers may have obtained some user information — although not actual passwords — from its network.

Security experts say it's just another indication that any online information is subject to attack. LastPass, which makes a program that stores multiple passwords in encrypted form, warned Monday that it had detected "suspicious activ-

ity" on its own computer system, which led to the discovery that some users' email addresses, password reminders and encryption elements were compromised. The company said it had blocked the attack and its investigation found no evidence that individual passwords or user accounts were breached.

The Fairfax, Virginia, company is advising users to change their LastPass master passwords, which are used to retrieve encrypted individual passwords for the users' other online services or accounts. But it said they

don't need to change individual passwords for all their accounts. It's also taking steps to verify the accounts of users who log in from a device or router they have not used before.

"We are confident that our encryption measures are sufficient to protect the vast majority of users," CEO Joe Siegrist said in a blog post, while apologizing to users for the inconvenience of changing their passwords. When users are signed into their LastPass account, its software then automatically enters the appropriate password for each ser-

vice or website as required. Many security experts recommend using password managers, like LastPass and other similar services, because they make it easier to have a different, hard-to-crack password for each online account, without having to remember each one. Several experts praised LastPass for disclosing the apparent breach and said users shouldn't be overly alarmed. But they agreed that users should change their master passwords and refrain from clicking on links in emails that claim to be from LastPass. □

Wall Street, global markets end lower as Greek bailout talks continue to stall

ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writer

Concerns over Greece's latest effort to avoid a default weighed on U.S. financial markets Monday.



Trader Mathias Roberts works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Concerns over Greece's latest effort to avoid a default weighed on financial markets Monday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 107.67 points, or 0.6 percent, to 17,791.17. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slid 9.68 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,084.43. The Nasdaq composite lost 21.13 points, or 0.4 percent, to 5,029.97. Monday's slide got started early after weekend negotiations between Greece and its creditors failed to get the struggling nation closer to a bailout deal.

Greek leaders want to get access to the final 7.2 billion euros (\$8.2 billion) of their bailout program that's needed to repay debts and avoid a possible default that could trigger an exit from the euro; the bailout package expires at the end of the month.

"All eyes, including our own, are on Greece," said Erik Davidson, chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank. "This is a grand experiment and if it were to go awry, it would certainly have implications."

Investors also got some discouraging news from the

Federal Reserve Bank of New York's latest Empire State manufacturing index. This month's reading fell to negative 2, which means manufacturing activity is

serve's policymakers, when the central bank is expected to deliver an update on its interest rate policy.

Wall Street has been trying to gauge when the Fed will

contracting. The report suggested manufacturers are still being held back by a strong dollar and cutbacks in investment by oil and gas drillers.

Traders did get some good news on the homebuilding sector. A survey of U.S. homebuilders vaulted to the highest level since last fall, and separate measures of builders' sales expectations jumped to housing boom-era levels.

The report helped lift shares of most homebuilders. California builders Standard Pacific and Ryland Group, which announced late Sunday that they will combine later this year, were among the biggest gainers in the sector.

Standard Pacific added 47 cents, or 5.6 percent, to \$8.83. Ryland rose \$2.23, or 5.2 percent, to \$45.02.

Nine of the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 fell, with industrials stocks leading the declines. Beyond the day's action, investors were looking ahead to Wednesday's meeting of the Federal Re-

begin raising its key interest rate from near zero. Many economists anticipate such a move could come as soon as September.

"When the doctor comes in and tells you we're going to take you off your medication it's usually good news," said Davidson. "At the same time, there's a prevailing sentiment that much of the run-up in the stock market has been a direct result of stimulus."

Benchmark U.S. crude oil continued to fall, losing 44 cents to close at \$59.52 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract hit a high for the year last Wednesday but has been falling since then. U.S. government bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.36 percent from 2.39 percent late Friday.

Precious and industrial metals futures closed mixed. Gold rose \$6.60 to \$1,185.80 an ounce, silver rose 26 cents to \$16.08 an ounce and copper fell three cents to \$2.65 a pound. □

Homebuilders Standard Pacific, Ryland Group agree to merger

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AP Real Estate Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Standard Pacific Corp. and Ryland Group Inc. have agreed to merge in an all-stock transaction that will create a single homebuilder with operations in 17 states.

The merger marks the first big move toward consolidation among the major publicly traded homebuilders in years and comes as the U.S. housing market continues to gradually regain its footing after years in a deep slump.

The two California-based homebuilders said late Sunday that their boards of directors unanimously agreed to go forward with "a merger of equals" that would form a company with an equity market capitalization of about \$5.2 billion.

Ryland was the fifth-ranked U.S. homebuilder last year, based on home closings, while Standard Pacific was 11th, according to Builder magazine. Together, the builders accounted for 12,633 home closings last year, which would make the combined company the fourth-biggest builder. The top three are D.R. Horton, Lennar Corp. and PulteGroup.

Executives at Standard Pacific and Ryland said the merger will create a company that can sell homes potentially to a broader array of buyers. The new company would also own or control roughly 74,000 land parcels for homes.

"We believe we're in the middle innings of the homebuilding cycle," Scott Stowell, CEO and president of Standard Pacific Homes, said in an interview. "We're able to integrate the company, position it with approximately 540 active selling communities, so that we can fully capitalize on the housing market recovery."

Standard Pacific sells homes in California, Arizona, Colorado, Texas, Florida and the Carolinas and caters primarily to move-up buyers, or homeowners

looking to sell their home and buy a new one. Ryland Group sells homes in 17 states and builds homes aimed to everyone from first-time homebuyers to high-end homes.

"It seems to be a good fit," said Alex Barron, president and founder of Housing Research Center, an independent equity firm in El Paso, Texas. "There are some advantages potentially in terms of cost of labor, cost of materials, if you're perceived to be a bigger builder."

Job gains over the past year have put homebuyers in a stronger financial position, which has helped drive sales of new homes this year. Through the first four months, sales of new U.S. homes were running 23.7 percent higher than in the same period last year. Homebuilders have benefited from a tight supply of available homes for sale, which have driven home prices higher. Over the past 12 months, the median sales price for new homes has risen 8.3 percent to \$297,300.

In April, new home sales climbed 6.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 517,000. Still, sales remain below the 700,000 pace that economist say indicates a healthy market. "We're in the early stages of recovery, so we're looking for that slow, steady growth," said Larry Nicholson, Ryland's president and chief executive.

"We see the opportunity to put the two (companies) together, strengthen our market positions, take some costs out of the business, put more money to the bottom line, become a much more efficient organization, while continuing to grow it, which gives you a lot of benefits in the market."

Ryland and Standard Pacific estimate that the merger could result in annual cost savings of \$50 million to \$70 million for the new company. A significant amount of those savings could be reaped by late next year, the companies said. □

US factory output down in May, hurt by oil refining cuts

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. factory output slipped in May, hurt by a decline in oil refining that overshadowed solid gains by automakers.

The Federal Reserve said Monday that manufacturing output declined 0.2 percent last month, as productivity has basically been flat since January. Manufacturing has been hurt by the stronger dollar, higher oil prices reducing equipment orders and activity at refiners, and previously by cold winter weather at the start of the year. "Manufacturers will continue to struggle with the impact of the dollar's rise for some time yet," said Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. econo-

mist at Capital Economics. Overall industrial production — which also includes utilities and mining — fell 0.2 percent in May. Mining activity that covers oil and natural gas drilling tumbled for the fifth straight month, while output at utilities increased slightly.

In the manufacturing category, fossil fuel refining and chemical production dropped last month, as did the food, beverage and tobacco sector.

The declines reinforced the possibility of a prolonged slump as the Federal Reserve Bank of New York separately reported Monday that its Empire State manufacturing index fell to negative 2 in June. Any reading above zero indicates expansion.

The dollar has risen 18 percent against a basket of international currencies in the past year. That makes U.S. goods more expensive overseas and makes imports cheaper, hurting sales in the U.S. and internationally. This puts more of the pressure on consumer spending to boost economic growth.

In a sign of consumer strength, auto production rose 1.7 percent, according to the Fed's industrial production figures. The third consecutive monthly improvement at auto plants is among the signs of a broader factory comeback.

"We are not surprised by the sluggishness of manufacturing, and it does not change our view that the

consumer will be at the forefront of the economy over the next year," said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics.

More people are buying autos. Cars and trucks sold last month at an annual pace of 17.8 million — the fastest monthly rate since 2005, according to industry analyst Autodata Corp. The greater demand could keep assembly lines humming at auto plants.

Other reports indicate that an industrial resurgence could help propel stronger growth through the rest of 2015.

U.S. manufacturing growth improved in May for the first time in six months, according to the Institute for Supply Management, a

trade group of purchasing managers. Its index of manufacturing activity rose to 52.8 last month from 51.5 in April.

That's the highest reading since February. Any reading above 50 signals expansion.

Several economists see stronger growth in the second quarter of the year, after the economy shrank at annual pace of 0.7 percent during the first three months.

Private forecaster Macro-economic Advisers says that economic growth is tracking at an annual rate of 2.5 percent in the second quarter. The Atlanta branch of the Federal Reserve estimates that growth is running at 1.9 percent in the second quarter. □

Target selling pharmacy, clinic businesses to CVS

TOM MURPHY
AP Business Writer

Target will sell its pharmacy and clinic businesses to CVS Health in the latest twist behind a push from big retailers to become all things to all customers.

The nation's second-largest drugstore chain will pay about \$1.9 billion to run Target's in-store health operations and expand what they offer for customers who have come to expect that they will be able to fill a prescription when they shop at Target.

Drugstores, grocers and big retailers like Target and Wal-Mart all have been pushing into each other's turf for several years now, blurring traditional retail boundaries, as they try to attract customers who want to make fewer stops when they go shopping.

The number of stores the average consumer visits over a month has dropped 15 percent over the last five years, according to market researcher NPD Group.

"In other words, they're not running from place to place to place like they used to," said Marshal Cohen, NPD's chief retail industry analyst. "It doesn't mean I am shopping less, it just means I am going to



This photo shows a CVS store in Philadelphia. Target announced Monday, June 15, 2015, that it is selling its pharmacy and clinic businesses to drugstore chain CVS Health for about \$1.9 billion in a deal that combines the resources of two retailers seeking to polish their reputations as health care providers.

(AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

less stores."

In response, retailers have been adding clinics and pharmacies. Drugstores, in turn, have started stocking groceries.

All these businesses are chasing health care dollars as they watch Baby Boomers grow older and start using the health care system more and as the number of insured people climbs due

to the health care overhaul.

Target Chairman and CEO Brian Cornell said CVS Health will bring more expertise and scale to its pharmacies and clinics than the retailer could offer on its own. He said research shows that their customers "absolutely expect" to have pharmacy services available at Target loca-

tions.

"They want to see the convenience of that inside our stores," Cornell said.

Target customers will be able to use CVS Health programs that provide specialty drugs, a fast-growing slice of the pharmaceutical market, or help those with chronic conditions stay on their medications.

CVS Health customers who

get prescriptions through the company's Caremark pharmacy benefits management business also will be able to grab refills at Target stores.

"I think this is creating an opportunity to define convenience in a way the customer wants to define it," CVS CEO Larry Merlo said.

Target has nearly 1,800 stores and also sells products through its Target.com website. The retailer, which caters to customers who have a little more money than Wal-Mart shoppers, is trying to reinvent itself as a more nimble and innovative company under Cornell. Cornell said that the CVS Health deal strengthens its health care business while allowing the retailer to focus more on other areas like improving its food offerings. The deal announced Monday includes more than 1,660 pharmacies in Target stores that will be branded as CVS/pharmacy. The agreement also calls for new Target stores to include a CVS/pharmacy if they are going to offer pharmacy services.

Target Corp.'s nearly 80 clinic locations will be rebranded under the CVS Health MinuteClinic label. □

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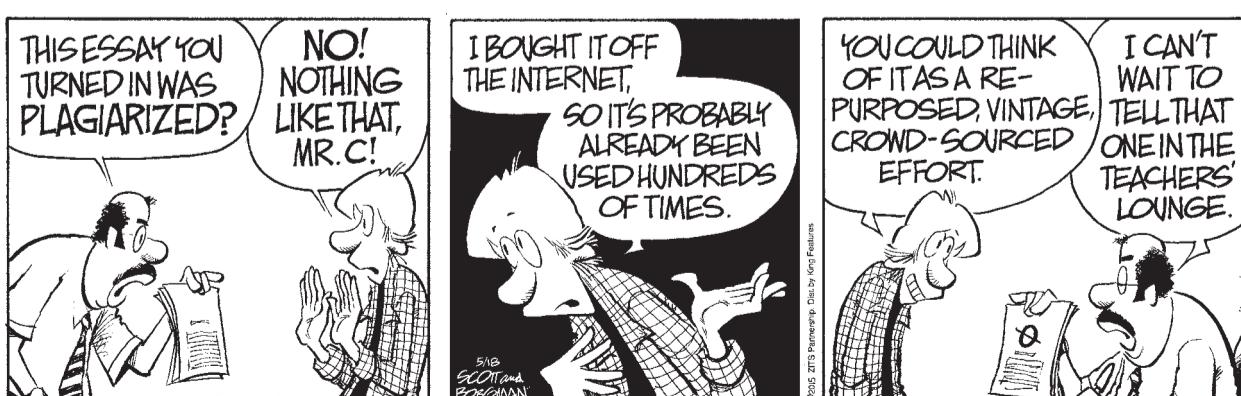
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Saturday's puzzle answer



Iran launches
matchmaking
website: AP

NASSER KARIMI
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran launched its first official matchmaking website on Monday in a bid to encourage millions of singles to marry, officials said, insisting it is not a dating service.

"We have high demand for marriage and 11 million bachelors who are increasing every day," Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Mahmoud Golzari said in a ceremony launching the site. "This is a significant issue for the ruling system," he added.

The website, Hamsan.Tebyan.net, provides a platform for singles to post their profiles and specify what they are looking for in a potential spouse. A board of mediators matches applicants after reviewing their age, education, wealth and family background. Golzari insisted the website is not for dating.

"The matchmaking website you are seeing today is not a website for introducing boys and girls to each other," he said. He added that he hoped the website would serve as a model for other Muslim countries.

After several years of successful policies aimed at curbing population growth, Iran, with a population of 80 million, has begun encouraging young people to marry and have more children. The government fears that an aging population could one day overwhelm its social programs.

Iran has stopped providing free contraception and funding vasectomies, while state-sanctioned sermons have encouraged larger families. The government is also considering funding low-interest loans for new couples and providing cash payments to new parents.

Under the Islamic republic's constitution, the government is obliged to facilitate marriage and the formation of new families as well as protecting existing ones. □

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Scientists emerge from isolated dome on Hawaii volcano slope

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Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Six scientists who were living under a dome on the slopes of a dormant Hawaii volcano for eight months to simulate life on Mars have emerged from isolation.

The crew stepped outside the dome that's 8,000 feet (2,400 meters) up the slopes of Mauna Loa to feel fresh air on their skin Saturday. It was the first time they left without donning a space suit.

The scientists are part of a human performance study funded by NASA that tracked how they worked together as a team. They have been monitored by surveillance cameras, body movement trackers and electronic surveys.

Crew member Jocelyn Dunn said it was awesome to feel the sensation of wind on her skin.

"When we first walked out the door, it was scary not to have a suit on," said Dunn, 27, a doctoral candidate at Purdue University. "We've been pretend-



This April 9, 2015, photo provided by the University of Hawaii at Manoa HI-SEAS Human Factors Performance Study shows the interior of a dome in which six scientists lived an isolated existence to simulate life on a mission to Mars, on the bleak slopes of dormant volcano Mauna Loa near Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii.

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ing for so long."

The dome's volcanic location, silence and its simulated airlock seal provided

an atmosphere similar to space. Looking out the dome's porthole windows, all the scientists could see were lava fields and mountains, said University of Hawaii professor Kim Binsted, principal investigator for the study.

Tracking the crew members' emotions and performance in the isolated environment could help ground crews during future missions to determine if a crew member is becoming

depressed or if the team is having communication problems. "Astronauts are very stoic people, very level-headed, and there's a certain hesitancy to report problems," Binsted said. "So this is a way for people on the ground to detect cohesion-related problems before they become a real issue." Spending eight months in a confined space with six people had its challenges, but crew members relieved stress

doing team workouts and yoga. They were able to use a solar-powered treadmill and stationary bike, but only in the afternoons on sunny days.

"When you're having a good day it's fine, it's fun. You have friends around to share in the enjoyment of a good day," Dunn said. "But if you have a bad day, it's really tough to be in a confined environment. You can't get out and go for a walk ... it's constantly witnessed by everyone."

The hardest part was being far away from family and missing events like her sister's wedding, for which she delivered a toast via video, Dunn said. "I'm glad I was able to be there in that way, but ... I just always dreamed of being there to help," she said.

The first thing crew members did when they emerged from the dome was to chow down on foods they've been craving — juicy watermelon, deviled eggs, peaches and croissants, which was a step up from the freeze dried chili they'd been eating. Next on Dunn's list: going for a swim. Showers in the isolated environment were limited to six minutes per week, she said.

"To be able to just submerge myself in water for as long as I want, to feel the sun, will be amazing," Dunn said. "I feel like a ghost." □

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Neuroscience inspires cartoon action in Pixar's 'Inside Out'

SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Drawing on real neuroscience and the latest psychological research, "Inside Out" goes where no animated film has gone before: Deep inside the workings of a young girl's mind.

The much anticipated Pixar release, the studio's first in two years, bills itself as "a major emotion picture." Opening Friday, it centers on 11-year-old Riley, a happy, hockey-loving kid. Most of the action, though, takes place inside her head, where her staff of personified emotions — Joy, Anger, Sadness, Fear and Disgust — is in charge of operations.

When Riley is shaken by her family's move across the country, her emotions must navigate through her subconscious, dreams and memories to restore balance and protect her burgeoning personality.

It's not just heady territory for an animated family film. Experts say it's scientifically accurate and could expand popular understanding of human emotions.

"It really tells us something very true and unique about emotional experience," said psychology professor Dacher Keltner of University of California, Berkeley, an expert in the study of emotions who consulted with Pixar on the film and saw an early screening. "The film suggests that, in a way, all emotions have their purpose, and that is very much in line with the recent science."

Writer-director Pete Docter wanted to deeply understand the science behind such intellectual concepts as personality and memory before visually interpreting them on screen. He studied scientific papers and cross-checked story ideas with Keltner and other brain and behavior experts as he developed the film. "I felt a pretty heavy responsibility (to accuracy)," Docter said. "It sort of stymied me for a while in making decisions. I remember sweating in my office, like... I don't know, what if I get it



In this Sunday, June 7, 2015 photo, producer, Jonas Rivera, left, and writer and director Peter Docter pose for a portrait in promotion the new Disney-Pixar animated feature, "Inside Out," in Beverly Hills, Calif. The movie opens in U.S. theaters on June 19, 2015.

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wrong?"

Pixar artists were tasked with imagining how to depict memories: How would they be kept and stored? How are they forgotten and where do they go? They dreamed up ways to represent intangible things like personality and the subconscious.

Francisco forces her to leave her best friend and her hockey team and start at a new school. Inside her head, Joy (Amy Poehler) normally reigns over the staff of emotions, but Sadness (Phyllis Smith) steps in after the move.

As Joy vies for control, she and Sadness get lost

Poehler called the film's take on emotions "a revolutionary concept."

"We tell ourselves that the constant pursuit of happiness is what we need to do, and if you're not doing it, you're doing something wrong," she said. "Instead, this big concept of feeling your feelings and trying to



In this Sunday, June 7, 2015 photo, actors, Phyllis Smith, from left, Lewis Black, Amy Poehler, Bill Hader and Mindy Kaling pose for a portrait in promotion the new Disney-Pixar animated feature film, "Inside Out" in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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Ultimately, scientific accuracy took a backseat to story, Docter said: "We didn't want to do anything that would get us laughed out of the room, but we definitely stretched things and took some leeway." In the film, Riley is upset when her family's move from Minnesota to San

deep in the recesses of Riley's mind, leaving Fear (Bill Hader), Anger (Lewis Black) and Disgust (Mindy Kaling) at the helm. Riley appears angry and sullen to the outside world until Joy and Sadness make peace and return to their positions inside "headquarters."

stay true to who you are and what you want, that's the journey. That's life, man!"

The story puts a premium on one girl's well-being, Kaling said.

"This is a big summer blockbuster movie, and the journey that she's going on is not to find a crystal neck-

lace or an amulet or to kill a dragon or find a witch and do a riddle, it's just to be happy," she said.

Keltner, whose studies of emotion involve monitoring blood flow in the brain and measuring facial-muscle movements, said seeing the film's imaginative depictions of the mind, memories and feelings was "exhilarating."

"They have done a really faithful job in thinking hard within the constraints of the movie about what the science of emotion has revealed at the most fundamental level," he said. On the accuracy scale? "I'd give it a nine out of 10."

Producer Jonas Rivera characterized the film's approach as "like the greatest hits of mind theory."

"It's fun enough and whimsical enough that even the most devout scientist can see," he said, "if there are any inaccuracies scientifically, well, the emotions are also wearing pants."

Keltner believes the science it presents is accurate enough that the sweet story could influence how people feel about feelings.

"We denigrate the emotions, and this movie is going to say: Emotions are how we look at the world and they're how we relate to other people," he said.

It's "liberating" for kids to have these characters as a means for describing their feelings, said Poehler, who has two young sons. And she thinks it can be just as valuable for adults.

"When you're in a moment, you're so at street level," she said, "and this film gives you a bird's-eye view of what thoughts and feelings do to you, what they look like and what they want."

Making "Inside Out" changed Docter's perspective on human behavior.

"All these emotions are kind of programmed and act below your conscious threshold," he said. "Making a little more sense of this made me realize, in a way, to cut people a little more slack." □



In this March 9, 2015 file photo, Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J. speaks at the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Legislative Conference and Presidential Forum in Washington.

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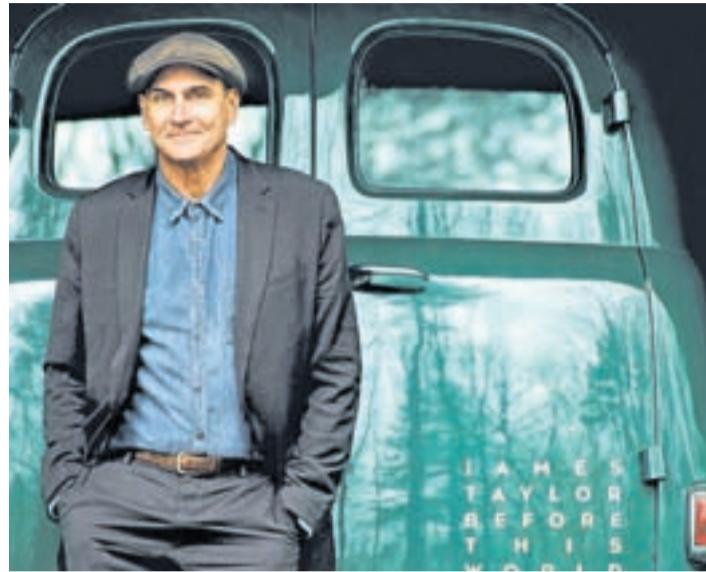
Sen. Booker working on memoir-policy book called 'United'

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. Sen. Cory Booker wants to be a uniter.

The first-term Democrat from New Jersey has a deal with Ballantine Bantam Dell for the book "United," which will combine stories from his life with a plan for "revitalizing" the country. Ballantine Bantam Dell announced Monday that "United" is scheduled to

be released in January. The publisher is a division of Penguin Random House. According to the publisher, the book will touch on Booker's time as a Rhodes scholar and his ideas for the economy and criminal justice system. The 46-year-old Booker was previously mayor of Newark, New Jersey's largest city. □

Review: James Taylor solid, at times sublime on new album



This CD cover image released by Concord Music Group shows "Before This World," the latest release by James Taylor.

Associated Press

JEFF KAROUB
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James Taylor, "Before This World" (Concord Records) In more than four decades, James Taylor has seen fire and rain, showered the people with love and steamrolled his way into millions of hearts. That would be enough for many, but JT has more musical work to do.

Taylor's new album, "Before This World," arrives 13 years after his last studio album of original songs. And it does nothing to threaten his legacy. The 67-year-old has retained his abilities to craft and deliver a song. His simple, elegant acoustic fretwork and supple tenor sound much as they did in his 1970s hit-making hey-

day. The new collection sounds familiar without being a retread.

"Montana" evokes "Sweet Baby James" in meter, mood and melody. And "SnowTime" will certainly raise comparisons to "Mexico," though this one's set in Toronto and he sings about decamping to the United States' neighbor to the north instead of the south. Was there an obscure, equal-time clause tucked into NAFTA that required Taylor to pen an ode to Canada after Mexico? Not everything's a grand-slam: "Angels of Fenway," a ballad for fans of his beloved Boston team, is by no means a strikeout but is unabashedly homer-ish and the nostalgia gets a bit thick in spots. Of course, that sentiment wouldn't be shared by New Englanders, who are prone to preface Yankees with "damn" or something worse. Two songs elevate the album from good to great: "Before This World" and "Far Afghanistan. □

Blaze Starr, burlesque dancer linked to governor, dead at 83

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(AP) — Blaze Starr, a burlesque icon and stripper whose affair with a 1950s-era Louisiana governor gained notoriety for both parties, died Monday at age 83.

Starr's nephew, Earsten Spaulding, said she died at her Wilsondale, West Virginia, home after experiencing heart issues the past few years.

Born Fannie Belle Fleming in Wayne County, West Virginia, Starr long performed at the Two O'Clock Club in Baltimore, earning her the nickname, "The Hottest Blaze in Burlesque."

She's better known for what happened when she landed at the Sho-Bar club in New Orleans.

That's where Starr famously had an affair with Louisi-



In this Sept. 2, 1959, file photo, Blaze Starr, a burlesque star and stripper, arrives in New Orleans by plane from Miami to visit Louisiana Gov. Earl K. Long.

ana Gov. Earl K. Long, who served in the 1940s and 1950s.

Gus Weill, one of Louisiana's first political consultants who got his start in politics in the 1960s, said Starr was a "knockout" beauty who gave New Orleans glamor. He did not

know her personally.

"They had the romance and history, and she added a good dollop of glamor," Weill said about her contribution to New Orleans. "She was a wonderful dancer and much loved." The flamboyant stripper who grew up in West Vir-

ginia's coalfields also laid claim to sleeping with John F. Kennedy before he won the presidency.

Starr later migrated more toward comedy acts when she bought the Two O'Clock Club.

Filmmaker John Waters, a Baltimore native who celebrated the city's weirdness in movies such as "Pink Flamingos" and "Pecker," said he watched Starr's shows as a teenager, though he never met her. He said her wardrobe was a major influence on Divine, the cross-dressing actor who starred in several of Waters' movies.

"She would lie on this bench and papier-mache flames would shoot up between her legs. Other boys my age were at football games and the Orioles and the Colts, but I was thinking about Blaze Starr, and not in an

erotic way, either," Waters told The Associated Press on Monday.

"Just from a showbiz point of view, I respected her deeply."

Waters said Starr was an important figure in the history of postwar Baltimore.

"She was a stripper on The Block, which for a long time was Baltimore's only tourist attraction, really, from the Second World War and after, that was why people went to Baltimore," he said.

"I still think she was the best tourist attraction that Baltimore ever had."

He said she was "never tawdry" and was able to build a diverse fan base.

"She had a sense of humor, and she turned what was once thought of as a negative career, being a stripper, into a class act in a weird way," Waters said. "No one looked down on Blaze Starr." □

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